

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

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Adam Gallagher,

Plaintiff,

v.

Synchrony Bank f/k/a GE Capital Retail Bank,

Defendant.

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Civil Action No.: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLAINT**

For this Complaint, Plaintiff, Adam Gallagher, by undersigned counsel, states as follows:

**JURISDICTION**

1. This action arises out of Defendant's repeated violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act 47 U.S.C. § 227, *et seq.* (the "TCPA").
2. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), in that Defendant transacts business in this District and a substantial portion of the acts giving rise to this action occurred in this District.

**PARTIES**

3. Plaintiff, Adam Gallagher ("Plaintiff"), is an adult individual residing in Edgewood, Maryland, and is a "person" as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).
4. Defendant, Synchrony Bank f/k/a GE Capital Retail Bank ("Synchrony"), is a California business entity with an address of 170 West Election Road, Suite 125, Draper, Utah 84020, and is a "person" as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).

**FACTS**

5. Within the last year, Synchrony began calling Plaintiff's cellular telephone, number 443-xxx-3953, using an automatic telephone dialing system ("ATDS" or "predictive dialer") and/or using an artificial or prerecorded voice.

6. When Plaintiff answered calls from Synchrony, he heard a prerecorded message.

7. On or about May 18, 2016, Plaintiff spoke with a live representative and demanded that all calls to him cease immediately.

8. Nevertheless, Synchrony continued to place automated calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone number.

**COUNT I**  
**VIOLATIONS OF THE TCPA – 47 U.S.C. § 227, ET SEQ.**

9. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.

10. At all times mentioned herein, Defendant called Plaintiff's cellular telephone number using an ATDS or predictive dialer and/or using a prerecorded or artificial voice.

11. Defendant continued to place automated calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone number despite knowing that it lacked consent to do so. As such, each call placed to Plaintiff was made in knowing and/or willful violation of the TCPA, and subject to treble damages pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C).

12. The telephone number called by Defendant was assigned to a cellular telephone service for which Plaintiff incurs charges for incoming calls pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1).

13. Plaintiff was annoyed, harassed and inconvenienced by Defendant's continued calls.

14. The calls from Defendant to Plaintiff were not placed for “emergency purposes” as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(i).

15. Plaintiff is entitled to an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages for each call placed in violation of the TCPA pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B).

16. As a result of each call made in knowing and/or willful violation of the TCPA, Plaintiff is entitled to an award of treble damages in an amount up to \$1,500.00 pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B) and 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C).

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against Defendant:

- A. Statutory damages of \$500.00 for each violation determined to be negligent pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B);
- B. Treble damages for each violation determined to be willful and/or knowing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C); and
- C. Such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

**TRIAL BY JURY DEMANDED ON ALL COUNTS**

Dated: January 19, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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